



Preneed Division Meeting Minutes January 7, 2025

Prior Notice

Prior notice of the January 07, 2025, second quarterly board meeting of fiscal year 2025 was posted on the Secretary of State website January 17, 2024, and the information was distributed to licensees via the quarterly newsletter on December 11, 2024. The meeting was held at 12:04 PM in the Board's office located at 4276 Lomac Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36106.

Call to Order

Roll Call of the Board

At 12:29 PM, Mrs. Collins, presiding officer, asked Ms. Laura Sullivan for a roll call to establish a quorum. The following members were present: Randall Anderson, Michael Morrison, Bry'Onda Collins, and Jennifer Haskell.

Staff present: Charles Perine, Executive Director; E. Denise Grogan, Associate Executive Director—Funeral Division; Laura Sullivan, Associate Executive Director—Preneed Division, recording; Octavia Johnson, Accountant; and Brenton Smith, Legal Counsel.

The following members were absent: Brian Shake.

Welcome/Remarks by Chair

With a quorum established, Mrs. Collins called to order the second quarterly preneed business meeting of fiscal year 2025. Mrs. Collins welcomed all present.

Conflict of Interest/Motion to Set the Agenda

Mrs. Collins requested that the board members review the agenda for the January 7, 2025, meeting. Mrs. Collins asked if any member had any conflict of interest with any items on the agenda. Being none, Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell to set the agenda as presented. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Business

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Collins asked the members to review the minutes of the October 8, 2024, Board meeting. After review, Mr. Morrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the minutes of the July 09, 2024, Board meeting. Being no discussion, the motion passed. Mrs. Haskell abstained from voting.

Old Business

Renewal Equity Deficit (4)

Mr. Perine reminded the board members that there were four COA holders that did not meet the equity requirements to renew their certificate of authority licenses from the previous board meeting and the board needed to collect more information to be able to renew those licenses.



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After the information had been gathered and equity requirements had been met, Mr. Perine asked that the Board approve the renewal of those licenses. Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrison, to approve the renewal of the certificate of authority licenses. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Cease and Desist due to Failure to Renew

Mr. Perine reminded the board members that we issued a cease and desist letter to those establishments that failed to renew or failed to submit the required documentation. There are 17 establishments that have since then submitted all the required documentation and fees to reinstate the certificate of authority license, and Mr. Perine asks that the Board approve the reinstatement of the following licenses: Royal Funeral Home, Inc., Sorrells Funeral Home, LLC, Evans Funeral Home, Inc., Cedar Oak Memorial Park, LLC, Pineland Cemetery, LLC, Harmony Funeral Home and Memorial Park, LLC, Wright Funeral Holdings, LLC dba Wright Funeral Home and Crematory, Crestview Memorial Funeral Home, Inc. dba Crestview Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home, Valley Funeral Home, Inc., The Ward Business Enterprises, Inc. dba Ward's Funeral Home, Reese Funeral Home, Inc., Wiregrass Funeral Home, Frederick-Dean Funeral Home & Crematory & Alabama Funeral Homes & Alabama Cremation Centers & Lake Martin Funeral Home & Crematory, Arion Health Ventures, Inc, dba Berryhill Funeral Home, Luther Watts, Inc. dba Bell Funeral Home Sumiton, LLC, Jeffcoat Enterprises, Inc. dba Jeffcoat Funeral Home, and Walker Chapel Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens, LLC. Mr. Morrison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, to approve the reinstatement of the certificate of authority licenses. The motion passed unanimously.

The following five branch registrant locations have also been issued a cease and desist letter due to failure to renew the certificate of authority or failure to provide documentation to renew the branch license. These five locations have sent all the required documentation and fees to reinstate the branch license, and Mr. Perine asks that the Board approve the reinstatement of the following licenses: Reese Funeral Home – Thomasville, Montgomery Memorial Cemetery, Limestone Memorial Gardens, Eastwood Memorial Gardens, and Burningtree Memorial Gardens. Mr. Morrison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell to approve the reinstatement of the branch registrant licenses. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Licenses

Preneed Sales Agents

Having met the requirements for licensure and registration, Mr. Perine asked the board to consider the following individuals for licensure and registration of a Preneed Sales Agent: Cynthia Evans Servantes, Charlotte Ann Lewis, Patricia Carol Dunivant, Elizabeth Carroll Gericke, Caitlyn Brianne Hall, Regan Corder Moreland, Jacob Marc Schafer, Jeremy Dustin Meetze, Kimberly Nicole Smith, LeBarron Lewis Hayden, Macon Elizabeth Bates, Kevin Mitchel DeSanti, James Richard Daniels, Braden J. Morrison, Lance Rashod Sherrod, Misty Nicole Busic, OV Garner, II, Christopher Aaron Fowler, Timothy Wayne Childers, Brittany Mae Cole, Eric Nicholas Velez, Jessie James Pugh, William Vance Caffee, Montana MeShell Dorsey Collins, Brandi Michelle Gabbard, Alexis Keana Hayes, Jacob Todd Beck, Emily Wittig, Charles Lunsford Chambliss, III, Mary Jean Tucker, Eli Daniel Guttery, Kenneth Ray Blythe, Amy



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Sellers Shepard, Hannah Allen Crawford, Carla Annette Williams, Ryan Oneal Wilburn, Leslie Anah Limas, James Logan Arnwine, Joe Robert Evans, Jr., James Timothy Spires, Gene Michael Sims, Ricky Lynn Hallmark, Tracy Henson Jones, Katie Elizabeth Mitchell, Laura Elizabeth Young, Michael Eugene Blosser, and Skyler Michael Brown. Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Anderson to approve the licensure and registration of the individuals listed above as Preneed Sales Agents, except for Macon Elizabeth Bates and Braden J. Morrison. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell to approve the licensure and registration of Macon Elizabeth Bates and Braden J. Morrison as Preneed Sales Agents. Yea: Jennifer Haskell, Randall Anderson, and BryOnda Collins. Mr. Morrison abstained from voting. The motion passed.

Examinations

Ms. Sullivan discussed with the Board the findings that have been discovered with the implementation of the preneed mini exam. The board members discussed with Ms. Sullivan some ideas on changing the way we conduct the mini exams to see changes to the process will assist with the exam process.

Legislation

Mr. Perine informed the board that the things we decided to table from the administrative rule change now need to be revisited and urges the board members to come up with suggestions for any legislation that may need to take place and be ready to discuss in the April board meeting.

Business/Adjournment

Mrs. Collins addressed the board and asked for any further questions, comments, or concerns. Being none, Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell to adjourn the business meeting and reconvene on April 1, 2025, at 11:00 AM. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Minutes submitted by Laura Sullivan

BryOnda Collins, Presiding Officer

Charles M. Perine, Executive Director